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House Appropriations Request FY 2011

Project Name: City of Eden's USDA Rural Utilities Service Eligibility
Recipient: City of Eden
Recipient Address: PO Box 70

Recipient City: Eden
Recipient State: NC
Recipient Zip: 27289

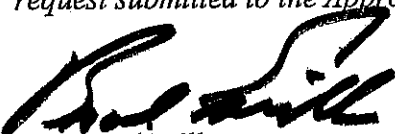
Amount of Request: Language

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

The City of Eden would like eligibility to receive loans and grants funded through the USDA's Rural Utilities Service's Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program through the end of 2012. The City qualifies for grants based on their median income; however, even though the city's population is falling, the city is still above the USDA's eligibility threshold. The City of Eden plans to use these loans and grants to extend water and sewer to a proposed mega industrial park.

The City of Eden, located in Rockingham County, has been hit hard by the excessive job losses from the closing of textile mills. Eden has lost over 2,000 jobs since 2001 and the county has lost more than 9,500 jobs. As of March, the county's unemployment rate was at 14.1%, significantly higher than the national average. The City of Eden would use these loans and grants to supply water and sewer services to a mega industrial park located between Eden, NC and Danville, VA. The City of Eden has been working with Pittsylvania County and the City of Danville in Virginia to supply water and sewer services to the mega industrial park. This park will provide employment opportunities to both North Carolina and Virginia counties in that area, which are economically depressed counties. Due to significant industry loss in the City of Eden, the city now has excess water capacity. The City of Eden being able to send water and sewer to the mega park will compensate for the recent water and sewer revenue losses and reduce the need to implement future rate increases.

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